



January 1980  
November 1980

# NEWSLETTER

NEXT MEETING: **THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 8:00 p.m.**

PLEASE NOTE: This is a change from our previously scheduled date!

Place: First Presbyterian Church of Ypsilanti  
Corner of Emmet and Washington Streets

PROGRAM: Third in the Series: **OLD HOUSE CLINIC**

"PAINTS AND VARNISHES"

SPEAKER: Tony Keith, our local expert from Anderson's Paint Co., Ann Arbor. He will discuss in detail the subject of surface preparation, proper types of finish, methods of application, and all other relevant data on this delicate and seemingly complicated subject.

COME YOURSELF, OF COURSE, BUT ALSO CONSIDER BRINGING AT LEAST ONE NEW PROSPECTIVE MEMBER!!! Refreshments will again be served.

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#### REAL NEWS ABOUT THE Downtown Facade Study Plan:

Public Meeting: Members of the staff of Preservation Urban Design and Ypsilanti's city representatives will meet with all interested persons . . .

March 6 at 8:00 p.m. at McKinney Union to review the plan and answer any questions the public might have concerning this exciting new plan for Downtown Ypsilanti. This will, in fact, be the formal start of the implementation of the plan.

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#### GREAT NEWS!!!!

YPSILANTI HAS RECEIVED ANOTHER GRANT from the state of Michigan funding the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival for a second year. A check of around \$14,000 was presented to Rich Baird, Executive Director of the Ypsilanti Area Tourist and Convention Bureau by Jack Wilson, Director of Tourism, Department of Commerce, Lansing. Rep. Gary Owen, who played a great part in securing the grant, was also present.

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So!!

Plans are already under way for the Second Annual Ypsilanti Heritage Festival. Nat Edmunds is again chairperson, and Jane Bird is on the executive board.

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Therefore . . .

The Heritage Foundation will again be invited to sponsor a House Tour. What would a heritage festival be without at least a few of our favorite houses being open to the public? Any suggestions? Any volunteers?? We hope we will be able to add to the list of wonderful people who worked so hard last year!

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Would you believe it????

The Ypsilanti Historic District Commission is now entering its THIRD year of service to the community. Nat Edmunds, who speaks with authority, calls it the most dedicated and hard working commission the city has. She also praises its excellent attendance record. Present members are Jane Bird, Nat Edmunds, Jack Harris, A. P. Marshall, Don Randazzo, Shelley Rankin, and John VanBolt. Ask any one of these people to point out to you some of the changes that they have seen take place in Ypsilanti's Historic District under their guiding eye and stamp of approval.

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Have you seen what's been happening in Depot Town?

. . . the delightful new (old) storefront sign for Huron Valley Office Supply in its new location at 19 E. Cross St.???

. . . the spectacular transformation of the facade of the Alibi Bar and the Weber building???

. . . and now the prospect of a real live CABOOSE being corralled and brought to Depot Town for use as DTA and Farmers' Market offices and other creative uses???

Onward Tom Dodd, Frank Leimbach and others who are making the old dream a very definite reality!!!

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#### Heritage Foundation News:

At the November meeting, four Board members whose terms were expiring were reelected: Oscar Haab, Jane VanBolt, Don Randazzo, Bruce Rankin. Two new Board members were elected: David Blinn and Richard Wood, replacing Joyce Kelly and Janice Mackin.

New PROGRAM chairman - Don Randazzo

New Members: Mrs. Ray Fletcher and Vega Wimmer: welcome!

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We hope we see you all at the THURSDAY night meeting!!!



*Ypsilanti Heritage Foundation*

~~November 1978~~

MARCH 1980

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NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 8:00 p.m.

PLACE: First Presbyterian Church of Ypsilanti  
(Corner of Emmet and Washington Streets)

PROGRAM: Third in the Series: OLD HOUSE CLINICS

"LANDSCAPING THE OLD HOUSE"

SPEAKER: Dr. Roger H. VanBolt, former Director of the Sloane  
Museum in Flint

Dr. VanBolt, father of John VanBolt, has had a life-long interest in horticulture and history and comes to talk with us with all the enthusiasm of one who has found new inspiration - especially now that he is retired - in his lifelong avocation, gardening. He has recently done research on the subject at the Bentley Library at the University of Michigan; he has discovered an 1880s list of plants and trees indigenous to Washtenaw County. But his talk will focus primarily on the practical aspects of the subject, especially the problem of maintenance of grounds in this age of do-it-yourself. What a perfect time of year to get some expert advice on this important subject! Call your neighbors; bring a friend! Refreshments, of course!

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YPSILANTI YESTERYEAR  
HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Dates: August 21, 22, 23, 24, 1980. The Kick-off for this second annual Festival took place Feb. 22 in the old Depot Town ballroom at 46 E. Cross St. There were circus acts and an announcement that the Franzen Brothers Circus will enliven this year's event!

HELP !!!

Nat Edmunds is looking for volunteers for the Antique Show at the Festival. Call her at 482-5218 now.

BAD NEWS - but not surprising: the Towner House assessment went from \$12,000 to \$15,400. As one of Shakespeare's characters so wisely put it: "Make all the money you can".

MARIGOLD SALE ???

Did you know that the Foundation is planning a mass marigold sale for Saturday, May 24th - place to be announced? It is hoped that every member will start now to take orders from neighbors and friends. This is a way to help the Foundation and at the same time make a change for the better in the appearance of our town in time for Festival. This cheerful, sunny plant is the easiest to grow and should noticeably brighten the face of our community.

THE HOUSE TOUR COMMITTEE is already hard at it, making plans for our next house tour to be offered during the Yesterday Festival in August. House selections are being made right now. We plan to simplify the program (six houses only!) and to cut the price accordingly. Improvements are in the works to insure an even better and more successful tour this year.

PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES AND HELP US OUT  
IN THE ABOVE PROJECTS !



MAY 1980

# NEWSLETTER

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, MAY 27 - 8:00 pm

PLACE: First Presbyterian Church of Ypsilanti  
(Corner of Emmet and Washington Streets)

PROGRAM: Presentation of  
Historic Structure AND  
Markers

The owners of the  
following build-  
ings will be  
awarded Historic  
Structure markers  
and will be our  
guests of honor!

Stripp, Roberts,  
Manchester  
206 N. Huron  
Emmanuel Lutheran  
Church  
201 N. River  
Mrs. Ella Panek  
203 Arnet  
Masonic Temple  
N. Huron  
Oliver House  
(Alibi Bar)  
39 E. Cross

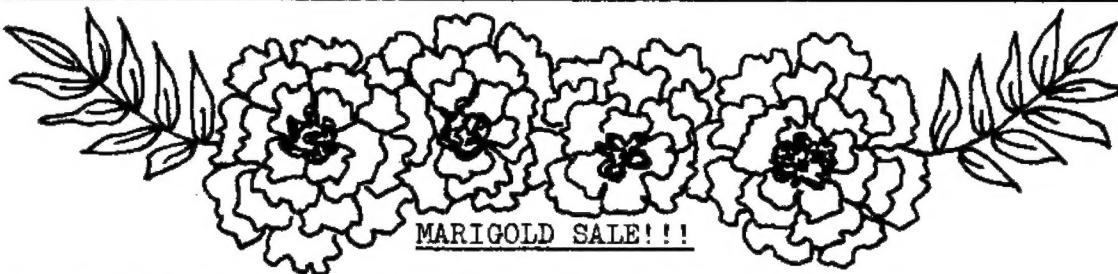
Fifth in the Series of OLD  
HOUSE CLINICS:

"Decorating the Old House"

Speaker: Jacque Minick,  
Interior Designer,  
Marshall, Michigan

Some Foundation members may  
be familiar with Mrs. Minick's  
work - her home, Oak Hill, the  
most magnificent mansion in  
historic Marshall, was on one  
of the recent home tours there.  
Anyone having seen that will  
be delighted to have the oppor-  
tunity to take advantage of  
Mrs. Minick's expertise in de-  
corating the old house. This  
is a rare chance to get pro-  
fessional advice without cost!

Bring a friend!  
Call your neighbors!  
Refreshments, of course!



This spring the Foundation is experimenting with a new project, the objective of which (beyond making money!) is to help beautify our town in time for the second FESTIVAL. There will be a MARIGOLD SALE, Saturday, May 24, 7:00 am to 4:00 pm on the green at the corner of Cross and Huron Streets, beside Old Town Hall. Plants will be available at competitive prices by the tray (6 plants) or by the flat (72 plants). Let's get Ypsilanti blooming in time for Festival!

HELP WANTED !! (Three shifts: at 7, 10, and 1) - call Jane Bird

## YPSILANTI YESTERYEAR HERITAGE FESTIVAL

LET'S GET READY !! - for the Ypsilanti Yesteryear Heritage Festival  
August 22, 23, 24

Plans are well underway for this second annual event. Reports are that it will be bigger and better than last year's fun celebration.

## HISTORIC HOUSE TOUR

The Heritage Foundation is again making a major contribution to the Festival by offering a house tour. This year the city's heritage will be well represented by six exciting buildings on display. Please note that this is not another interior decorating tour; rather, it is an historic preservation tour which offers a variety of architectural styles and adaptations of older buildings. It is a tribute to individual owners who have been willing to take the plunge, to invest their imagination, money and time, do much of the work themselves, and create a living space out of buildings which have all too often gone uncared for and unappreciated. Variety and individuality are the keynote features of this tour. The Foundation is proud to announce that the following buildings will be open during the Festival:

103 N. Adams	-	The Venner House
106 N. Adams	-	The Harris House
52½ E. Cross	-	The Shankwiler Residence & Studio
301 N. Grove	-	The Mattimoe House
116 S. Adams	-	The Lindsay House
107 W. Michigan	-	The Campbell Apartment

DATE: Sunday, August 24 ADMISSION: Adults \$3.00  
TIME: Noon to 5:00 pm Children 12 and under \$1.50  
Senior Citizens \$2.00

Guides are being sought now. Volunteers, call Jane Bird, 482-8989.

WOODRUFF'S GROVE is open !!

The elegant new cocktail lounge and restaurant in the Centennial Center at the corner of Washington and Pearl Streets is now serving! You might try a "Cyclone of 1893" sandwich, a "Raftsman" salad, or a "Mary Ann Starkweather" steak. (Your editor admits to having only a beer, delicious onion rings, and a coffee but insists he is going back for more.) (Your typist offers the unsolicited opinion that the aforementioned is a pretty strange combination of goodies.)

NEWS: The City is in the process of making an application for a Small Cities grant which would include funds for further repairs and restoration of the Gilbert House (Girls' Club). These repairs are essential if the City is to stabilize the building; the alternative - to do nothing at this time - would jeopardize the investment the City has already made in this important landmark.



September 1980

# NEWSLETTER

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 - 8:00 pm

PLACE: First Presbyterian Church of Ypsilanti  
(Corner of Emmet and Washington Streets)

PROGRAM: The now famous (but never before seen in Ypsilanti!) film:  
**MAIN STREET**

This is not a version of Sinclair Lewis' novel - it is a new color and sound film produced by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The film takes a look at the people who are helping to restore the buildings and revitalize the economy of old downtowns in smaller cities from New England to the Dakotas.

It considers not only building preservation but also such problems as parking, store window displays, merchandizing techniques, and how to organize the merchants. The film includes work done by Preservation Urban Design, Ann Arbor. This is a short, first-rate show.

and

Barry Loveland, B.S. in Architecture from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute who will receive a graduate degree from EMU's Historic Preservation program in December and who is currently an intern in the city's Community Development Department will share his slides showing downtown restorations in Hudson and Corning, New York. Barry used this same presentation to interest merchants in Troy, NY in downtown preservation.

This meeting is a good chance to see old friends and meet new members! Call at least ONE person you think might be interested!

Refreshments will be served, of course!

The 1980 HERITAGE FOUNDATION HOUSE TOUR was again a success! The Foundation netted about \$750.00 and over 300 visitors discovered that Ypsilanti can be an exciting and elegant place to live. Thanks to all - especially to the generous and hard-working home owners. You can remember with pride the important contribution you have made to the community. Thanks also to the guides who did such an excellent job and to the participating florists who so splendidly contributed floral arrangements.

Plans for next year are already underway. Any suggestions? Like to serve on the committee? Call Jane Bird, 482-8989.

### STILL BLOOMING!

The May sale of marigolds conducted by the Heritage Foundation at the corner of Cross and Huron Streets was a success, both in a small way financially and in a big way as a means of helping to brighten up our town. Report is that we'll do it again!

### COULD IT HAPPEN HERE?

Did you know that a wrecking crew recently razed the second oldest house in Chicago? The crew had a permit for a different address and - by mistake - tore down the only surviving example of German Gothic architecture in the Windy City. Chicago needs to educate its wrecking crews!

### SPEAKING OF WRECKERS ...

Ypsilanti has recently saved one of its finest examples of Queen Anne style domestic architecture from the wrecking ball. The house, now just south of Michigan Ave. on Hamilton St., is soon to be moved to a new location on West Michigan. In this case, the wrecker himself, J.D. Porter, has bought the building to preserve it!

### HISTORIC LANDMARK DESIGNATIONS

Four more structures recently were given historic landmark designation by the City: A.M.E. Brown Chapel and the First Ward (or Adams Street) School, both on South Adams; the Becker-Stachlewitz House on West Forest; and the Water Tower. These important structures are now protected by the Historic District ordinance. Such designation protects them from being altered without approval of the Historic District Commission.

### IN PROGRESS ...

Be assured that Tom Durant is making progress in his restoration of the Old Library (Sesquicentennial Hall). Note also the new copper soffits being constructed at the Beyer Apt. building. What a transformation there!

### PRESERVATION EASTERN CELEBRATES

The new graduate program at E.M.U. in Historic Preservation held a reception dinner at Woodruff's Grove on Sat. Sept. 6, with about eighty people in attendance. Jane Bird and Nat Edmunds were guest speakers.

### **GRIN AND BEAR IT** By LICHTY



"There are worse things than being bypassed by progress ... Like being surrounded by it."

### MARKERS AWARDED

Two more Heritage Foundation Historic Structure markers were awarded this summer: Old Town Hall and 103 North Adams, presently the home of Tom and Anne Venner. Both buildings, in their present excellent state of repair, reflect a standard of maintenance that deserves special recognition.

DON'T FORGET:

The Foundation subscribes to two journals:

THE OLD HOUSE JOURNAL

and

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

They are available for loan - call Jane Bird, 482-8989.

Also, the Community Development Dept. at City Hall has those and two other journals:

JOURNAL OF THE SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIANS

and

ASSOCIATION FOR PRESERVATION TECHNOLOGY BULLETIN

Our Ypsilanti Area Public Library is also a source of information for those interested in preservation subjects.

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DUES ARE DUE!

Call Mary Warner, our secretary-treasurer at 482-8217. Pitch in and feel a part of a vital community organization.

GENERAL MOTORS HONORED

Governor Milliken was present at a ceremony on Fri. Sept. 12 honoring General Motors with State Register designation for its historic Willow Run plant. Nathalie Edmunds and Jane Bird were among the invited guests.

### SPECIAL RECOGNITION !

Your editor received a note after the House Tour containing the following reference: "You must mention how very effective the guide was at the Grove Street house. She was young ... and in granny clothes, and she was well informed about the history and development of the house and she shared it with such enthusiasm and pride one would think the house was hers, which it was not". Who could this be but our own Christine Blinn? Seriously, Christine, thanks and many thanks. You set a standard for all future guides!

### HERITAGE THEME STRESSED AT FESTIVAL

Another successful Yesteryear Heritage Festival is only a series of fond memories: who can forget that golden Saturday morning and the charm of that most wholesome and beautifully paced parade? Good memories for the long winter ahead. But plans are already underway for the 1981 Festival. Fortunately, all the same hard-working veterans have volunteered to serve as chairpersons. The dates: Aug. 28, 29, 30  
We'll be there!

### RANKINS LEAVING

Members, particularly active members, will be sorry to hear that the Rankins, Bruce and Shelley, are moving to the Burns Park area of Ann Arbor. They report that they are leaving with "mixed feelings" but that a particular offer of a house there was too good to pass up. We'll sorely miss you, Bruce and Shelley, and so will Ypsilanti. Come and visit when you can and THANKS!

### NEW MEMBERS:

We warmly welcome these new members to the Foundation:

Jim and Betty Campbell  
107 West Michigan  
Mrs. Shirley Durrett  
1346 Mesa  
Margaret Johnston  
Box 96 (925 Sheridan)  
Jim and Marla Gousseff  
1202 Collegewood  
Jim and Lori Murray  
214 North Huron  
William Fennel  
202 South Huron

### NEW REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

It will be welcome news to anyone familiar with Christine Blinn's ways in the kitchen that she will be in charge of refreshments this year. She needs volunteers to bring goodies in November, January, March and May. Call her at 483-3512 !

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### COMING ATTRACTIONS:

Plan ahead - mark your calendar now! The special event of the November 25 meeting will be a slide presentation by Mr. Robert LaRue, who will delight us with photographs of specific Ypsilanti buildings which still exist - first as they appeared originally and, then, as they appear today. Don't miss this special showing which comes to us highly recommended!





## *Ypsilanti Heritage Foundation*

November 1980

# NEWSLETTER

**NEXT MEETING:** TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25 - 8:00 pm - Annual Meeting

**PLACE:** First Presbyterian Church of Ypsilanti  
(Corner of Emmet and Washington Streets)

**PROGRAM:** Mr. Robert LaRue will present an entertaining and informative slide show of Ypsilanti buildings WITH A DIFFERENCE. Mr. LaRue has gone to the trouble of not only photographing Ypsilanti's interesting buildings but of searching out photographs of the structures as they once were, in their early, if not original, form. These old and new images will be juxtaposed, giving us a rare opportunity to compare notes on the "built environment" we all love. In a few instances, Mr. LaRue has three versions of the same building - the historical, the recent, and the RESTORED. This should spark a lively discussion among those present, so for FUN and ENLIGHTENMENT, come and bring a friend, young or old. (Know anyone who remembers Old Ypsilanti? Bring him or her along! Mr. LaRue arrived here at the age of three in 1923 - not exactly an interloper, would you agree?)

### NEWS from YHF Board Meeting:

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the Heritage Foundation the members, after lengthy consideration, reluctantly decided that the Foundation could no longer lease the Towner House from the Presbyterian Church. Many factors entered into that unhappy decision, but chief among them was the growing necessity for major repairs (new roof, exterior paint, new boiler and insulation) and the apparent unwillingness of the Church to grant a long-term lease which would have been necessary in order for the Foundation to recover those large expenditures through rent. A detailed letter has gone to the Church's Board of Trustees - should you like to read it or ask questions about this move, please contact Jane Bird.

At the same Board meeting, members discussed both the merits of our present projects and the possibilities for new directions, new options. This general discussion led to the formation of two new specific committees, one to evaluate our current activities and to suggest new or future projects (to be chaired by Nat Edmunds), the other to discuss long term options (to be chaired by Bruce Rankin). Any members who would like to offer suggestions relevant to either committee should contact the appropriate chairperson.

HERITAGE FOUNDATION ACTIVITY LIST:

Are you aware of all the on-going activities of the Heritage Foundation?

- House Tour
- Public lecture series
- Historic Structure Marker program
- Calendar publication
- Newsletter
- Fund raising projects
- Christmas party
- Fourth of July float and Heritage Festival parade
- Lending library
- Refreshments

If you are not already participating in at least one of these activities, please call Jane Bird (482-8989) who can direct you to the appropriate chairperson. If you have other projects you would like to see developed, SPEAK UP. Don't sit back! The Foundation NEEDS YOU!

"IN THE MIDST OF LIFE WE ARE IN DEATH" ...

Lest we forget the memorable Queen Anne structure near the corner of Michigan and Hamilton, we should record the loss of that fine old building, solid and beautiful, to the unmerciful wrecking ball. Unfortunately, the building was not in the Historic District, and all too easily fell victim to the parking needs of the bank which owned the property, the high costs of moving, and the complicated legal restrictions attached to transporting such a large structure. (See Ypsilanti Press, Nov. 13). Standing isolated as it did, it served to remind us of former glories, fine craftsmanship, and an age apparently more imaginative than we can sometimes claim our own to be.

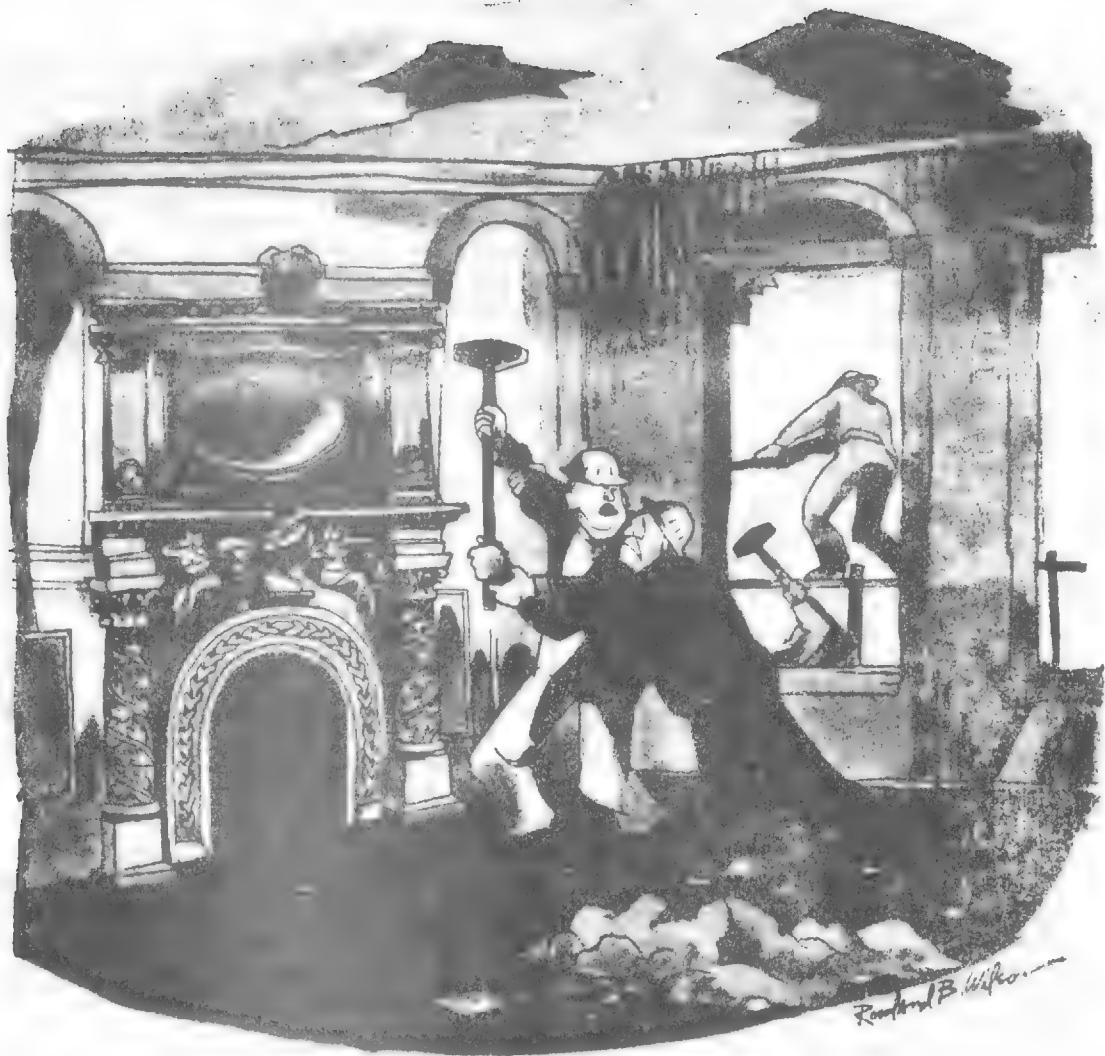
But, take heart, remember when ...

the old Library was falling apart,  
the old City Hall was crumbling around the eaves, the roof  
leaked, and the steps were falling to bits,  
the old District Court was a shambles,  
the Thompson house looked derelict,  
Depot Town was on the skids and the Caboose and Farmers  
Market weren't even dreams,

and vow no time for tears - decide here and now that you will become more actively involved in preservation work in Ypsilanti through at least one of the following:

Heritage Foundation projects	Historical Society
Depot Town Association	City government
Historic East Side Asso.	Your own property

As Michael L. Ainslie, the new president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation warns in the November 1980 issue of Preservation News: "Are we prepared for the tremendous pressures that we and our cultural resources will be facing in the '80s? ... we have just begun to see the urban reinvestment cycle take off ... occasionally insensitive public officials and unbridled developers have put enormous pressure on our historic resources. We haven't seen anything yet ... We must begin talking to bankers ... and political decision makers. There is not yet a consensus that preservation is a significant national priority ... we have a challenge ahead of us to educate and convince those people ... We've made much progress, but I do not think we have a consensus that preservation is the key to redeveloping our cities and to creating safe, aesthetically pleasing and integrated communities".



*"Face it, Charlie. Progress is fifty-per-cent destruction."*

Drawing by Rowland B. Wilson; © 1965 The New Yorker Magazine, Inc.

NOTEWORTHY  
IMPROVEMENTS !!

NEXT TIME YOU'RE OUT ...

Notice the house at 110 N. Hamilton, now owned by David and Mickey Young. What a transformation! Mickey's several sessions with the Historic District Commission seem to have borne beautiful fruit. She now has a splendidly restored structure in handsome gray, white and charcoal, that must give her great pride - a pride shared by all of us who notice and care. Thanks, David & Mickey, for a top quality job!

And who could fail to notice the in-progress resurrection of the old Library (Sesquicentennial Hall) on North Huron? The man to thank for that re-emerging beauty is Tom Durant, who will be our speaker in January!

STARTLING DISCOVERY!

If you haven't visited the new indoor Farmers Market in the old Freight House in Depot Town, you're in for a startling discovery. The Victorians, you know, loved what the English poet, John Betjeman, calls "that marvelous waste of space!" Now one Victorian space is being put to use in an exciting new way - a year-round market, with the  freshest vegetables, flowers, fruits, and health foods at competitive prices. Besides all this, there's the wainscoted coffee shop at the south end of the building, with enormous multi-paned windows out of which even the worst looks wonderful. Here you can linger about the old pot-bellied stove while you sip coffee and munch doughnuts and homemade pie.

DOWNTOWN RENOVATION



CHRISTMAS PARTY !!

All dues-paid members are cordially invited to the annual Christmas Party to be held again this year, we are happy to announce, at the lovely Carpenter Gothic home of Jane & John VanBolt. Paid-up members will receive invitations soon. Pay now and attend the party!

DUES are due, Due, DUE, DUE !!

The latest issue of Old House Journal, which you may take out on loan by calling Jane Bird at 482-8989, has as its lead article "Decorating for an Old-Fashioned Christmas" - also "Painting Hints II", "A New Fire Hazard", "Hot Water Heating System", "Sanding a Parquet Floor", "Restorer's Notebook", and "Cozy Corners and Inglenooks".

The HIGHLIGHT OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON, for me at least, and I highly recommend it for thee, is Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum at this special time of the year - from Dec. 6 to Jan. 4 the houses in the Village, and the Museum itself, are decorated for the holiday in the appropriate period, goodies are cooking over open fires, craftspeople are demonstrating their skills, and this year the special Christmas exhibit features TOYS of the past - who can resist the sights and smells? If you have never experienced these wonderful places at Christmas, this is the year!

Yours for the most delightful Christmas ever, Jane

#### DOWNTOWN RENOVATION

Have you noticed the renovation of Oscar Haab's building at the north-east corner of Michigan and Huron ... the well-matched brickwork and the new windows? To be followed soon by new awnings!

And, did you know that Andy Smith has purchased the old Cunningham Drugs building at the north-east corner of Michigan and Washington and is in the process of renovation?

Both of these projects should make a marked improvement in the appearance (and vitality) of our downtown.

#### MATERIALS UNLIMITED

Have you yet visited Materials Unlimited at the Michigan Avenue bridge in downtown Ypsilanti? The collection of rare and beautiful old building materials, stained glass, antiques, and decorative items continues to grow week by week - as does the flow of visitors from near and far.

ever, Jane

#### FOUNDATION CALENDARS

The 1981 Calendars are available! If you haven't bought yours as yet, now is the hour. Remember, also, they are easy & often cherished gifts, for children's teachers, neighbors now moved away, a faithful mailman, a special friend, at a bargain price of only \$3 each.



#### NEW MEMBER:

We are delighted to extend welcome our newest member, Jerry Fouchey, 1019 Maplewood, who is the facilitator for the new exciting Ypsilanti Public Schools Ypsilanti history project.

#### THIS OLD HOUSE

Don't forget THIS OLD HOUSE every Thursday at 9:30 pm with repeat at 6:30 pm on Saturdays - Channel 56.

### DON RANDAZZO OFF AGAIN!

Don Randazzo, our inveterate conference attender, will participate in a Preservation Workshop to be held Nov. 20-21 at Mt. Carroll, Illinois. Sponsored by the Association for Preservation Technology, the program will specialize in the subject of masonry cleaning. Don expects the course to be a more intense examination of the subject in which he had earlier training at Little Rock, Ark. Don, an invaluable member of the Historic District Commission, should be even better equipped to help Ypsilanti with its "brick and mortar" problems after this workshop. Happy journey and safe return, Don.

### OLD REFERENCES TO YPSILANTI

Jack Harris has in his possession a book copyrighted 1895 entitled Ocean to Ocean on Horseback, by Capt. Willard Glazier, which presents in journal entry form an overland tour from the Atlantic to the Pacific in 1876. The Captain spoke on the heroes of the Civil War, on the evening of Aug. 5th at Ypsilanti's Union Hall to "a large number of men of the town, who gave me a hearty welcome,... many of them were old soldiers". Staying two nights at the Hawkins House, he left Ypsilanti in "intense heat" - 85 to 90 degrees - over "dry dusty roads", passing Ann Arbor, "not taking more than a passing glance at the University, noticing, however, that women as well as men were among the students - a recent and wise change". Do any other Foundation members have books or other printed materials which record Ypsilanti's place in the nation's history? Jack would be interested: 485-2155.

### Present Heritage Foundation BOARD MEMBERS:

Jane Bird	482-8989
David Blinn	483-3512
Rose Clavez	487-5173
Nat Edmunds	482-5218
Oscar Haab	inactive
Jack Harris	485-2155
Bill Nickels	483-8896
Don Randazzo	482-6144
Bruce Rankin	995-2516
Jane VanBolt	482-6972
Mary Warner	482-8217
Richard Wood	483-8005

If you have relevant complaints, ideas, suggestions, or would simply like to vent your spleen, call any or all of them!

### SPEAKERS IN ANN ARBOR

Nathalie Edmunds and Jane Bird spoke Sat. Nov. 8 at the U of M to those attending the Regional Conference of the Interior Design Educators' Council on the subject of Historic Preservation in Ypsilanti.

### NEW COMMISSION MEMBER

David Blinn, an active Board member of the Heritage Foundation and the East Side Asso., has recently been appointed to the Historic District Commission. David replaces Shelley Rankin, who had to relinquish her position when the family moved to the Great Unmentionable to the west. With his working knowledge of old house restoration, as well as hardware and building materials, David should prove a valuable asset to the Commission.

### SPEAKING OF THE RANKINS ...

PLACE IN THE NATION'S HISTORY: Jack  
would be interested: 485-2155.

#### PRESERVATION EASTERN

Preservation Eastern continues to present a series of interesting lectures and seminars on historic preservation and related subjects. Their most recent program, held at EMU on Sat. Nov. 15, under the sensitive direction of Lydia McDonald, was on Black Historic Sites, and featured a fascinating slide presentation by the architect Richard Dozier, which showed the influence of Africa on American architecture and craftsmanship. Dr. A.P. Marshall, of EMU and the Historic District Commission, spoke on Black History in Ypsilanti. Watch the paper for future programs or call the Dept. of Geography and Geology at EMU: 487-0218.

#### SPEAKING OF THE RANKINS ...

Bruce and Shelley, who by no means intend to give up their attachment to Ypsilanti, would like to advertise that they have a carpet for sale. Ideal for Victorian interiors, the Lees wool floral pattern, 12 x 16 plus hallway, is in red roses on an off-white background, just 9 mo. old. Call Rankins at 995-2516 for details.

#### FOR SALE:

Oriental rug, antique Sarouk, deep rose-red background, good condition, approx. 11x9, \$400.

Oriental rug, antique, wine background, fair condition, no fringe, 2'2" x 4'4", \$25. 482-8989

**COMING ATTRACTIONS:** Plan ahead - mark your calendar now! The special event of the January 27 meeting will be Tom Durant's show-and-tell program on the restoration of Old Town Hall, that crown jewel of Huron Street, so spectacularly rescued from oblivion or worse by Tom and his compatriots. DON'T MISS THIS!

  
**LATE NOTE:** When the City was forced to withdraw travel funds, the Foundation Board voted to pick up the tab for Don Randazzo's trip to the preservation workshop in Illinois, feeling that the benefit to preservation in Ypsilanti more than justified the expense.